

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,

June 16, 1985

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I hereby veto Senate Bill 189 because of the following objection:

This bill would permit any individual to have ex parte written communications with state agency decision-makers in contested cases and could violate due process and the right to confrontation and cross-examination. Agencies in this state have established an outstanding record of integrity and fairness in these quasi-judicial proceedings. Such sanctity of this decision-making process has engendered trust in the eyes of the public and the judiciary. To permit enactment of this bill could seriously undermine the integrity and trustworthiness of these adjudicatory proceedings and could add to the time and expense to the parties and the courts.

Therefore, I veto S.B. 189.



Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark White".

Mark White
Governor of Texas

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Myra A. McDaniel".
Myra A. McDaniel
Secretary of State

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